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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 55/22 of 10 November 2000 and 55/161 of 12 December 2000 and any other resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States,

Welcoming the fact that, at the ninth regular session of the Economic Community of Central African States, held in Malabo on 24 June 1999, the heads of State and Government of the member States decided to resume the activities of the Community by providing it with sufficient financial and human resources to enable it to become a real tool for the integration of their economies and to foster the development of cooperation between their peoples, with the ultimate aim of making it one of the five pillars of the African Economic Community and of helping Central Africa to meet the challenges of globalization,

Welcoming the establishment of the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa with a view to creating a climate of peace and security in the subregion and strengthening the rule of law essential to its development,

Taking note of the launching of the activities of the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa, in accordance with the recommendations of the General Assembly in its resolutions 78 A of 4 December 1998 and 54/55 A of 1 December 1999, with a view to strengthening democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law in the subregion,

Commending the States members of the Community for their evident desire to strengthen arrangements for cooperation within the Community and to make them official,

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Reaffirming that the Community's development programmes cannot be implemented effectively unless the Community has sufficient resources available to it,

Noting that, owing to the conflicts, loss of human lives and destruction of the economic and social infrastructure in Central Africa, it is essential to continue and strengthen the recovery programmes in order to get the economy of the countries of the subregion going again,

Noting with deep concern the danger of an increase in poverty, in particular in rural areas,

Considering the significant useful financial and economic contribution made by some United Nations organs, organizations and agencies to supplement the efforts made at the national and subregional levels with a view to promoting the process of democratization, recovery and development in Central Africa,

Aware of the risks, the new challenges and the possibilities which may result from the process of globalization and liberalization for the economies of the countries of the subregion,

Noting the measures taken by the Community to combat HIV/AIDS,

Noting with satisfaction that the important role played by women in the development of the region is duly recognized at the regional level,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African states;[1]

2. *Commends* those States Members of the United Nations and United Nations organs, organizations and agencies which have maintained or strengthened their cooperation with the Community or have begun to cooperate with it with a view to achieving peace, security and development;

3. *Requests* those States Members of the United Nations and United Nations organs, organizations and agencies which have not yet established contact or relations with the Community to do so;

4. *Thanks* the international community for the financial, technical and material support given to the Community;

5. *Once again requests* the international community to increase its financial, technical and material support to the Community to enable it to implement fully its programme of action and to respond to the needs of the subregion for reconstruction and recovery;

6. *Urges* the international community and the competent United Nations organizations and agencies to give the necessary assistance to the Community so that it may ensure progress in the process of regional economic integration;

7. *Welcomes* the economic and political progress achieved by the Community and the reforms which it is carrying out, in particular the implementation of its programme of action, so that it may be in a better position to tackle the problems of cooperation and regional integration immediately;

[1] A/56/301.

8. *Urges* the United Nations, the agencies affiliated to it and the international community to provide the Community with sufficient resources to implement the programmes and decisions adopted at various United Nations world conferences, in particular to strengthen the role of women in the development process;

9. *Urges* the international community and the United Nations agencies to continue to provide those countries of the Community in which a process of national reconstruction is taking place with the assistance they greatly need to consolidate their efforts towards democratization and the consolidation of the rule of law and to support their national development programmes;

10. *Declares itself convinced* of the importance of well-conceived global development strategies in order to avoid conflicts and disturbances and aware of the value of international cooperation and efforts to restore and maintain peace, and emphasizes that the international community should continue to help those countries which receive refugees to meet the resulting economic, social, humanitarian and environmental challenges;

11. *Urges* the United Nations and the international community to help to strengthen the means existing in the region to ensure that the Community has the necessary capacity with regard to prevention, monitoring, early warning and intervention;

12. *Requests* the international community to consider supporting the creation of special economic zones and development corridors in the Community, with the active participation of the private sector;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to intensify contacts with the Community with a view to encouraging and harmonizing cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of this resolution.